Peerless General Finance and Investment Company

851. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company amended its articles of Association and requested the Central Government to nominate two Directors on its Board of Directors;

(b) if so, whether Government have since nominated the two Directors;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are satisfied that the affairs of the Company are being run on sound financial lines to the best interest of its certificate holders and depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Peerless General Finance and Invesment Company Limited, Calcutta incorporated a new Article 105A in its Articles of Association by a Resolution passed in the Annual General Meeting held on 20-7-78. The new Article authorises the Board of Directors to co-opt not exceeding 2 persons as Directors of the company if and when nominated by the Reserve Bank of India or by the Central Government. The Government and the Reserve Bank of India do not propose to nominate any Directors on the Board of the Company.

(c) and (d) The Government of West Bengal in 1979 served a notice on the Company under the provisions of the Rules framed by the State Government under the Prize, Chits and Money Circulation Scheme (Banning) Act, 1978 to submit the particulars and winding up plans. However, the Company has obtained a Stay Order from the Calcutta High Court in this regard. The matter is *sub-judice*.

Investors for Central and Eastern regions

852. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the poor response of investors for the Eastern and Central regions despite the new policy on decentralisation of industry;

(b) whether it is due to lack of transport facilities, marketing facilities, shortage of raw materials, skilled and unskilled hands or banking facilities;

(c) whether Government propose to investigate into the whole matter;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) During the years 1983 to October, 1985, the following amounts of Central Investment Subsidy were disbursed to the Central and Eastern regions—

(*Rs. in Crores*)

Name of the State	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86 (up to October)
(I) *Central Region :*			
Uttar Pradesh	1·26	3·20	8·18
Madhya Pradesh	6·28	5·27	·7 99
(II) *Eastern Region* :			
West Bengal	0.47	1·22	1·29
Orissa	1·56	2·58	—
Bihar	..	0·81	..

The number of Letters of Intent (LIs), Industrial Licences (ILs) and DGTD Registration issued from 1983 to 1985 is given in the Statement (*See below*). It will be seen that the response of investors from these regions has been quite satisfactory.